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## CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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On the morning of February 23, 2023, a Caldwell Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) was contacted by the principal of Van Buren Elementary School regarding a possible injury to child complaint against one of the contract behavioral interventionists for the extended resource room.

The behavioral interventionist, Jamie McInville, allegedly grabbed two different students on three occasions, using physical contact to pull them off tables or out of cabinets. These incidents happened on February 21 and February 22. The principal conducted an immediate investigation with McInville and subsequently removed her building access and asked her to leave the premises. This incident was reported to the partnering agency and her employment was immediately terminated.

Caldwell Detectives conducted a criminal investigation and interviewed involved persons. An arrest warrant was issued for the arrest of McInville the same day. Caldwell SRO's coordinated with the Middleton Police Department and took McInville into custody without incident at her residence. McInville was booked into the Canyon County Detention Center on misdemeanor battery.

We are thankful that the school administration took these allegations seriously and reported it without delay.

"I appreciate the principal's quick response. The partnering agency that employs this individual took responsibility and was very supportive during this investigation. Our goal is to provide a safe and joyful learning environment for all children and this type of behavior will not be tolerated," said Dr. French, Superintendent - Caldwell School District.

"It pains me to continue hearing about the behavior of people who are in positions of trust and leadership. The most vulnerable population of our children continue to fall victim at the hands of those who are expected to lead, guide, mentor, and protect. I hope that by now our community knows that we take all allegations seriously and will always do our part to keep them safe," said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

If you know a child being abused or neglected, contact local law enforcement or call 208-343-COPS or non-emergency dispatch at 208- 454-7531.

*All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*